IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 1 to read as follow:

This is a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 10/001,043, filed on October 31, 2001, which is ~~a continuation of pending prior application Serial No. 09/343,975, filed June 30, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,347,241, which is~~ incorporated herein in its entirety and from which priority is claimed. ~~The prior application 09/343,975 is a continuation-in-part of application Serial No. 09/241,936, filed February 2, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,161,034. Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. §§119(e) and 120 of all of these applications.~~